

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A stent graft comprising:

at least one stent having a proximal end and a distal end and having a lumen extending therethrough between the proximal and distal ends, and a covering of collagen having an extracellular matrix that becomes remodeled by host tissue, secured to the at least one stent and extending therealong between the proximal and distal ends, wherein the covering is a sleeve that initially has a length about equal to twice the length of the at least one stent, a first portion of the sleeve extends along and complements inside surface of the at least one stent, and a second portion of the sleeve is folded back over a proximal end of the at least one stent and then along an outside surface of the at least one stent to the distal end thereof.

Cancel claims 2, 10 and 11 without prejudice.

Remarks

In the Final Office action of December 10, 2002, Paper No.10, claims 1-11 are pending and were rejected. In particular, claims 1-3, 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Buirge (5,693,085). Claims 4-6 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buirge in view of Douglas (6,090,128).

By this amendment, the subject matter of dependent claim 10 is being amended and incorporated into independent claim 1 to more fully distinguish over the cited Buirge and Douglas references. In particular, the collagen covering is a sleeve that initially has a length about equal to twice the length of the at least one stent. A first portion of the sleeve extends along and complements an inside surface of the at least one stent. The second portion of the sleeve is folded back over the proximal end of the at least one stent and then along the outside surface